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第十八夜：ファンキー・コート

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I'm not heading off to fight a war!

I'm just a merchant!

While I do appreciate you making armor for me,

SCALE ARMOR (鱗鎧)

LEATHER ARMOR (革鎧)

PLATE ARMOR (全身鎧)

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I AM NOT GOING TO REACT TO THEM.

How the hell could I go around wearing any of those?!

UUGH... CHIEF~

There aren't any problems with their performance,

it's just a matter of their utility.

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Huh?

What do you mean?!

What?!

I am **not** wearing any of these!

Whaat?!

Huuuh?!

Oh,

this one looks like a trench coat.

I'd rather have something that looks like a jacket or a coat...

This robe is fairly close.

It's surprisingly thin...

The indigo blue looks funky with the crimson lining.

Are the pants part of the set?

Is this really armor?

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Ah, you're the one that made Draupnir...

To think you would even like that armor...

A man that would desire a ring like that must be strange.

Does that one interests you?

Saying I'm interested is...

Rugui made that armor.

It kinda resem-bles the clothing from my country.

JUST WHAT AM I IF THE ODDBALL CALLS ME STRANGE?

I **can** hear you, bastards.

He may be an oddball, but he's skilled.

Well, there's nothing we can do about it

I'll acknowledge his skill, but for that oddball Rugui's armor...

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It's basically just Draupnir in clothing form.

Just like Draupnir, this armor will keep absorb-ing your mana up to a certain point.

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Thus, you connect these chains at the end of the cuffs to Draupnir,

It's just that the features of this armor require a lot of mana,

and thus it absorbs far more mana than Draupnir.

The difference is in how they consume the absorbed mana.

even for you, Young Maste—

You're wearing it just like that ?!

Oooh~

Just putting it on would result in instant death,

The mana in the rings is carefully transferred.

and the mana stored in the rings will be transferred.

If it took mana directly, it would consume it all.

To ensure that it doesn't absorb too much mana, the rings will act as a valve.

... I think...

It's hard to notice if I don't concentrate.

It's definitely absorbing way more mana than Draupnir...

Aaaagh!

No! Young Master! You need to connect it to the rings!

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...
It is highly resistant to physical impacts

and to fire and wind-based magic.

How annoying.

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So what are the features?

Not at all.

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I set it to absorb the highest amount that the wearer could still ignore...

Y-You don't even feel it?

Huh?

Imagine it switching.

Oh, is it reversible?

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Do you see how the lining has turned red?

When it's red, it's resistant to slashing attacks and water, wind, and light-based magic.

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Whoa! I can change the color just by focusing on it!

This is amazing!

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On top of that,

when it's red, MOBILITY is BOOSTED more than defense.

It'll vastly improve your speed, so you can move far faster than normal.

Oh? Let's see.

Young Master, if you move too fast,

the wind pressu—

That was amaz-ing!

I'm amazed you managed to make something this—

What a dangerous clothing.

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As for armor, I quite like this kimono,

so I talked about having features added to the things I already have.

I had an iron-ribbed fan and a few other items manufactured for me.

Yes,

Whoa! Did you already finish what you were doing?

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Creating things for great heroes brings us great pleasure.

I am honored to hear you say that.

They're praising Mio...

It's fine, dwarf chieftain,

I quite like that fan. It is very well made.

I apologize for asking you to put up with us prioritizing this.

Madam Mio!

I see, going to 4 different places would be tough,

thanks for that.

so I gave them some time to gather.

Besides the little ones are all wandering around on their own,

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I've gotten a little better at suppressing my mana.

I'll just let it out a little...

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Have you decided on your armor, Young Master?

Yep, I'd just like it be more durable...

I'm confident in that armor's defensive capabilities!

No, I mean how it deals with mana.

That degree of mana satura-tion...

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So

Make something that can better withstand my mana.

Not a problem...

I will be sure to make equipment that can absorb mana quickly enough to kill even the young master!

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The spirit of a crafts-man returns.

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... It seems the rings will function as valves for quite a while...

YOUR GOAL DOESN'T SEEM QUITE RIGHT...

NO! Absolutely not!

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Mountain-ous area

Temporary Alkey residence

……!?

Young Master, thank you for giving them names.

ミナト Minato

ホクト Hokuto

アキナ Akina

ハルナ Haruna

In order to be of use to you, they are practicing turning into humans.

Wait, are these **really** the Alkeys?!

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These are some of the newly discovered plants, minerals, and lumber that were found around here.

Ah!

This happens the moment they lose focus.

Though maintaining those forms for a while is still a bit tough...

Wow...

Let's see... The ones I'm familiar with are...

They're quick learners.

Wow, they've gotten better at speaking the common tongue.

Okay...

PLEASE. TELL. US. ABOUT. THEM.

Let me see your hands!

Even if you heal quickly...

our hands become sore.

When we touch those red ones,

Don't tell me you touched them with your bare hands!

Woah! Those are Podostroma cornu-damae!

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Mio.

The white ones are also tasty - and feel chilly

These red things taste good and leave a nice tingling feeling.

Listen.

from what I know, eating just one of these can kill you.

Not that I know why.

For better or worse, the things we find here are becoming more potent

Those white ones are also deadly...

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Yeah...

No, I would...

Actually...

That's...

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right, little ones?

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Oh, but they're not

at the level where it would kill us,

Run away.

You lot will regret this later...

蜘蛛の子を散らす

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Escape

Listen here, Mio, putting everything you come across into your mouth is a bad idea

Mushroom are especially bad.

You need to be a lot more careful

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Wild mushrooms can even absorbs toxins and poisons in the ground.

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Um,

and size ants my level hasn't increased?

Even after beating those ruby eyes

Huh?

You've been regis-tered now

You are level 1 and rank E

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at his age without some strange circum-stances

True, it's unusual for someone to only be level 1

Are you sure his level was measured properly?

we were trave-ling together with him

and saw him kill several monsters

But you'll be able to at least make use of our services normally.

The inves-tigation should also take a while,

But please keep in mind that he is very busy.

I will speak to the chief about this,

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My level aside, at least I can take on requests now.

Hm?

Thank you

This is the sort of situation where knowing someone with a high rank and level like Toa is useful.

It's unfortunate that Madam Mio and Madam Tomoe weren't able to come here today though.

Well then, could we exchange contact details on our cards, Mr Kuzunoha?

All of the requests that were here yesterday are gone now.

If you insist, Young Master...

I've got a request I want to fulfill, so I'll be registering alone.

Mio went off to hear the Alkeys report and then to sort through my memories.

In the end, we still haven't heard from Tomoe.

Tomoe's running late and Mio's gotta take care of something

MISSING

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Last night, after we ate together,

the 4 of us decided to formally form a party together

Don't worry about it, that wasn't the sole reason we came here.

Sorry for having you come over here.

Speaking of last night, are you feeling alright? Given how much drinking went on, I'd expect you to have hangovers.

Especially this alchemist here.

I see

Their levels are pretty close and they all get along well

WELL OF COURSE!

Given how much you drank...

I suddenly found myself in a party

Though my memories of last night are still absent... Haha

Haah...

For hangovers and indigestion!

I made a potion for clearing out the alcohol that remains in the body!

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No wonder the board is empty!

Okay...

Hehe.

Also, we took all the requests we're allowed to take!

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Despite his appearance...

Well, I suppose he is a skilled alchemist

that if I can't take the ruby eye request,

I can't just give it to Toa?

Ah! Doesn't that mean

Uh-oh.

No wonder they were all in debt back in Zetsuya, they're just reckless!

You're quite energetic.

Maintaining his appearance

Ha ha ha

HAHAHA, THEY REALLY WANNA SEE THAT, DON'T THEY?

Please call us when Madam Mio and Madam Tomoe are going to register!

We'll head off to deal with these requests now!

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So you're back How'd it go?

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Haah. What'll I do if I can't take the request?

So is his servant really that strong?

that masked guy-- He's called Kuzunoha-- is really just level 1

It's just as the alchemist told you,

And he's only rank E

Don't worry about him, he doesn't remember you.

They formed a party and grabbed all the requests they're allowed to take,

The usual

What about the 4 adventurers that came together from the wasteland?

and it doesn't seem like she's doing a request on his behalf

Well, that servant woman didn't come to be registered,

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I took a look in his cart,

But I didn't see any ruby eye parts in there.

I see.

That means we should look out for that servant

and the Rembrant request is no-where to be found.

As long as we can slow down Rembrant, it'll be fine.

That's good, we're not bandits here

Of course not!

You didn't take anything, did you?

Now then

think we adventurers are?

Just what do those bastards

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Oh, there was something you wanted to

Accept

Excuse me, I'd like to take this request.

While I do already have the items it's really a question of how much they'll trust a level 1 rank E adventurer

I'm sorry, but this is a rank S request,

so you cannot accept it at your current rank,

you should try accepting some rank E and D

I already have the requested item though ...

I'll need to call for an expert for this

Could you please come to the drawing room?

?! This is.

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You are mister Makoto, right?

Could you show me the eyes?

I'm sorry for the wait.

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...
If they deem these to be fake,

will I just be captured here?

On top of that, they are undamaged.

That would require killing the ruby eye with a lethal blow to the abdomen, a remarkable feat.

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These are indeed genuine.

Pardon me...

Here.

Change the rank from S to special and allow him to accept it.

Yes, it'll be fine.

So there is no problem with allowing him to accept the request?

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The guild's personnel are clever.

Oh, I see! If they just change it to be a special rank, it doesn't require me to be a high rank to accept it.

Well then,

I shall write a letter to explain the situation to Mr. Rembrant, so could you wait a bit?

I see...

so there shouldn't be any real issues.

Mr. Rembrant is a reasonable man though,

I can explain it myself, so could you just give me a map showing where to go?

A letter? That'll take quite some time and I want to go visit the merchant guild sometime today...

Once you complete the request,

just have the client sign it.

This is a certificate to show you've accepted the request.

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The map has been added to your card.

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Mister Makoto, I would just like to ask

how you obtained those eyes.

When you return that signed certificate,

the request will be completed.

I'll be going now.

They must be quite a talented party to give something this valuable as a thanks.

I received them from the party of an adventurer named Toa.

They were given to me to express their gratitude for letting them ride in my cart.

Explaining it all would be a pain,

I'll just word it like that.

It's not too far, so it's unlikely I'll be attacked along the way.

Isn't this all going rather smoothly?

So the company is just a few streets from here.

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いきなり喰らったダメ出しのワケは――？

話のわかる情に厚い人格者――？

...
You don't under-stand anything.

Rembrant company

So he's Patrick Rembrant...

I'm sorry, But this conver-sation is over.

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